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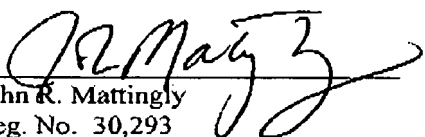
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Serial No.: 10/069,578

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For: AUTOMATIC ANALYZER AND RACK
TRANSFER DEVICE

Examiner: J. Nagpaul

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
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In response to the Office Action mailed October 21, 2008, please amend the
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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of
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Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.